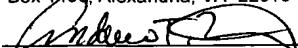


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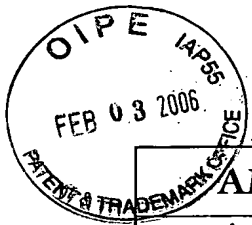
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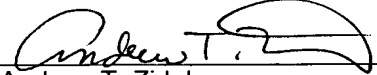
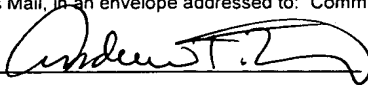
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, finally rejecting claims 3, 4 and 8-10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination are submitted herewith.



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				After Final Rejection	
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Invention: DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD AND PROVIDING MEDIUM					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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